

SEC INTERROGATORY #57

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[B/6/5, p. 59] Please provide a summary of similarities and differences between the NTG approach for this program, and the DNV GL NTG study for 2015 Enbridge and Union custom C&I.

RESPONSE

This question refers to a study Navigant conducted for the Ontario Technical Evaluation Committee (“TEC”) in 2013. The evaluation effort for the Massachusetts study cited on page 59 of Exhibit B, Tab 6, Schedule 5, was a statewide study that addressed all customer and prescriptive gas programs implemented by utilities. These programs included:

- National Grid programs: New Construction (custom and prescriptive), Retrofit (custom and prescriptive), Direct Install (prescriptive);
- NSTAR programs: Business Solutions (custom), Construction Solutions (custom), Small Business Solutions (custom and prescriptive);
- Columbia Gas programs: Large Custom, Small Custom, Prescriptive;
- Unitil programs: Large Retrofit (custom and prescriptive), Gas Networks (prescriptive), Small Direct Install (prescriptive);
- New England Gas programs: Retrofit (custom), Lost Opportunity (prescriptive), Direct Install (prescriptive); and,
- Berkshire Gas programs: Custom, Prescriptive.

The Navigant team has not gone back to review this specific study in detail for recent work. In terms of high-level comments, both the DNV study and the Massachusetts multi-utility study cited used self-report surveys as the primary approach for estimating NTG. However, there are likely differences in the question banks used in the two studies and the approaches taken with respect to using information from trade allies. These are areas where there often are differences across NTG studies, with some differences being driven by the differences in the program(s) being evaluated.

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